GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:398
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2005
TOBACCO
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the production of tobacco during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the ban on cigarettes, bidis and other smoking pipes etc. has affected the interests of tobacco growers;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to appoint a high level committee to solve the problems being faced by tobacco growers in the country and especially in Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a): The production of tobacco during the last four years is given in the statement laid on the table of the House.

(b): No, Sir.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 398 FOR ANSWER ON 23-8-2005REGRDING TOBACCO.

The production of tobacco during the last four years is given below:

Crop year	Production (Million kg.)
2001-02	177.72
2002-03	190.92
2003-04	221.67
2004-05	243.35